

## Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting July 12, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Craig Hunter, Rob McGinnis, Rod Maurer, Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Matt Solverson, Tim Swigart and Russ Paul-Youth Pastor

Absent: Charles Davis, Brent Erickson, Dee Krumwiede, Richard March and Pastor Nate Whiteside

Dave Reed led us in prayer to open the meeting. Craig Hunter provided a request by a member of the congregation who would like to put down some paving stones for the chair outside the church sanctuary window so the legs wouldn't sink into the dirt. He would provide the rock and paving stones at his own expense. Craig moved we allow the person permission to improve this area, Bryan Black second, motion approved unanimously.

We discussed an announcement from Assistant Executive Director of the Great Lakes Baptist Conference, Stu Dix, that there will be a prayer summit in September. *On July 26, Dave Reed expanded on this comment that this would actually be a prayer summit that would be held here. Some discussion was considered about having this on a Wednesday night. Pastor Nate commented that we could invite other churches as well. Richard March will check with Stu Dix to verify if he is free on a Wednesday night in September.*

We discussed the corporate prayer, which usually takes place on Sunday morning at 8:00 AM prior to church adult Sunday school. No one had a strong preference for moving the time. *Note: On July 26, Dave Reed informed us that he and Lorrie Reed have done prayer on Friday night at 6pm. On both Friday and Sunday only Dave and Lorrie have been the only participants last week.*

Dave commented that the van, which is being donated for use of the youth group will have several primary drivers, Russ & Nichole Paul, Rod Maurer and Pastor Nate Whiteside. This is a 1990 Dodge, rear-wheel drive, 1-ton van, it will hold 15-passengers. Dave Reed and Dee Krumwiede have done a visual inspection of the van, it looks like it is in very good shape overall. The person making the donation has agreed to provide four new tires this fall. Dee Krumwiede is willing to supervise the older students if they want to apply a new coat of paint to the vehicle.

Elaine Benedict will meet with the community of churches to discuss the food pantry, which is hosted inside the First Baptist Church. All the community churches have provided for this food pantry, we only host it here.

Pastor Nate Whiteside will be here briefly on the next board meeting date although he will be leaving early for a trip with Assistant Executive Director for the GLBC, Stu Dix.

Jimmy Johnson has volunteered to be part of the lawn moving team.

Dave Reed commented on the current shopping policy Piggly Wiggly that has restricted our charges to be a minimum of \$30.00. We've also been limited on the number of people able to charge to six people. He wondered if it would be more convenient to look for other alternatives.

Dave commented on the parking lot, which needs to be sealed again by Midwest Sealcoat since the first seal didn't perform well. He has had difficulty getting back in touch with them. Rachel Olson has contacted them for Dave and they are planning on sealing the lot and then re-striping on two different dates.

During the meeting Dave received a phone call from Midwest Sealcoat that they will be down this month to take care of this. They will fix the parking lot driveway which has a defect in it not related to Midwest Sealcoat. The repair will be done for approximately \$450.00.

Dave asked for a motion to accept the bid at \$450.00. Matt Solverson made a motion that we accept the bid for \$450.00, seconded by Rod Maurer. The vote was unanimous to accept the bid.

Rachel Olson has been helping in the office on a volunteer basis. She has been doing a very good job in that role. Rachel wanted to know how we would have the church open if the parking lot would be closed during the sealcoating. Dave Reed suggested we contact Farm Credit for permission to use their parking lot area for that one day for anyone wanting to visit or volunteer at FBC.

Russ Paul commented that several of the kids had paid the full amount of the trip, which was requested at \$400.00. Since the fund-raisers generated more money than needed to offset the cost of those who were not able to pay the full amount it has been decided to refund to those who paid more than \$300.00 the difference of \$100.00.

Financial Officer, Shelly Black, attended the meeting today to give us a six-month update on our expenses and income. During the last two months our income has exceeded our expenses and that we are doing much better than during the first few months of the year. Shelly went through all of the budget items, explaining how we are doing, where we are over budget and answering any questions from the Board. She pointed out areas where we've had some concerns and how we've addressed them since that time. Shelly said she would be on vacation in August.

Shelly felt that there should be a written policy for the drivers and riders of the van we will be receiving for insurance purposes. This note would include hours of operation, instructions on shifts of drivers if it is a longer trip, seat-belt policy, etc. She also felt that we should have written waivers from the parents of children riding in the van.

Shelly would like to see the office staffed on a regular basis to answer the phone and to provide assistance to visitors who come in asking questions. This would relate directly to our desire to provide an Executive Assistant, which was also part of our agreement to Pastor Nate when he agreed to become our Senior Pastor.

Dave Reed commented that we do need to provide an Executive Assistant. The expense of meeting this new position would need to be decided upon in the budget-planning meeting, which occurs later this Fall. The budget itself is decided upon during the January business meeting.

Shelly commented that the original budget plan made in January was for an end to our commitment to provide monetary assistance to the Verona church plan in June. She inquired what our position was of providing support at this time. The Board had decided in a previous meeting that we would continue to provide support for the church plants because it felt that we were not creating strong church plants by remove support prior to the time when those new churches would be self-supporting. Therefore, we are continuing to provide support through the rest of this year.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member